

Remarks

Claims 1-26, 28, 30, 32 and 33 are pending.

Claims 8-26, 30, 32 and 33 are allowed.

Claims 1-6 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Swanstrom (US Patent No. 5,822,568).

Claim 7, which depends from claim 1, was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. In the alternative, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 7, thereby rendering claim 1 into allowable form.

A similar amendment was made to claim 28, thereby rendering claim 28 into allowable form.

Allowance of all claims is requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all pending claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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